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6 JAN 1947

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TELEGRAM FROM

B.G. Marseilles

No.

Dated

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Received in Registry

3 Jan 1947

6 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Refer, Marseilles tel 114 (E12455/766/11) Inform. Although it seems certain that embarkation of Jews took place LA CIOTAT Dec 27. have not yet been able to confirm details.

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(Minutes.)

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE 196

His Majesty's Consul General
No. 6.

3rd January 1947

D: 11.24 a.m. 3rd January 1947

R: 8.10 p.m. 3rd January 1947

Repeated to: Paris No. 4.

ppppp

My telegram No. 114 to Foreign Office.

Although it seems certain that embarkation of
Jews took place La Ciotat December 27th (not
December 26th as previously reported) we have not
been able yet to confirm details.

[Copy sent to M.E. Secretariat].



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TELEGRAM FROM
No. M' Clutton
Belgrade

Dated }
Received in Registry } 18.
Jan 14 1947
- 6. 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

military attacks reports ship due to leave northern Dalmatian port approx Jan 13 for Palestine carrying Jewish refugees. Tent rendezvous for passengers in ABAZZIA from which they will presumably be moved secretly to port of embarkation.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Copied to Army, C.O. & M.I.5

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Int. P. D. N. G. Belgrade No. T.O.O. /4th

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Cypher/OTF.

FROM BELGRADE TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Clutton. D. 4.55 p.m. January 4th, 1947.
No. 18.
January 4th, 1947. R. 5.20 p.m. January 4th, 1947.

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IMMEDIATE.

Following for Admiralty from Naval Attaché.

Military Attaché informs me that source believed reliable reports that a ship is due to leave a northern Dalmatian port on approximately January 15th for Palestine carrying Jewish refugees. The first rendezvous for these passengers is Abazzia from which they will presumably be moved secretly to port of embarkation.

Admiralty please pass to COMPAL, Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and N.O.I.C. Trieste.

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From N.A. Belgrade

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Addressed Admiralty

IMMEDIATE

Military Attache informs me that source believed reliable reports that a ship is due to leave a Northern Dalmatian port on approximately January 13th for Palestine carrying Jewish refugees. The first rendezvous for these passengers is Abazzia from which they will presumably be moved secretly to port of embarkation.

2. Admiralty please pass to COMPAL / Commander in Chief Mediterranean and N.O.I.C. Trieste.

No. T.O.O./4th

Received in War Reg. at 1150/5th Jan.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Liv. N. Bland

No.

Hague

Dated

Received in Registry

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2 Jan 1947

6 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant-Ship.

C.G. Amsterdam reports SAN MIGUEL left YMHIDEN Jan-1. for Alexandria carrying no passengers.

Rptd Brussels on tel No 4

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

In P.P. N.A Stockholm 101247

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In P.P. Hague No 3. (Amended Dist)

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Cypher/OTP

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM THE HAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Bland D. 10.28 a.m. 2nd January 1947
No. 3.
2nd January 1947. R. 10.50 a.m. 2nd January 1947
Repeated to Brussels.

YYYYYY

Your telegram No. 933. *Admiralty*

Consul-General Amsterdam reports that San Miguel left Ymuiden January 1st for Alexandria carrying no (repeat no) passengers.

Please repeat to Brussels, as my telegram

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No. 2.

JAN 2 1947
Repeated to Brussels as
Foreign Office telegram No. 4.]

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From N. A. Stockholm

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Addressed Admiralty

My 051553.

- (A) SAN MIGUEL sailed from Copenhagen northwards December 7th.
- (B) SAN BASILIO still at Copenhagen awaiting to undergo repairs.
- (C) EK REGIL now renamed SAN FILIPO completing at Stockholm hoping to sail week commencing December 15th.
- (D) NESTOR and SAN SPYRIDON waiting to sail shortly for Belgium
- (E) Greek owner and Swedish secretary now proceeding Alexandria intending to do Mediterranean cruise in SVEA company (2 corrupt groups)

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ADMIRALTY.

FROM THE HAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir N. Bland.
No. 3.

D. 10.28 a.m. 2nd. January 1947.
R. 10.50 a.m. 2nd. January 1947.

2nd. January 1947.

Repeated to Brussels.

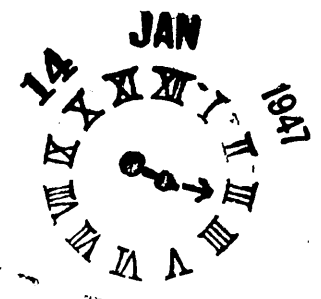
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Your telegram No. 933.

Consul-General Amsterdam reports that San Miguel left Ymuiden January 1st for Alexandria carrying no (repeat no) passengers.

Please repeat to Brussels, as my telegram No. 2.

[Repeated to Brussels as Foreign Office telegram No. 4].



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7 JAN

Registry Number

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FROM

Br. Embassy

No.

Athens

Dated

1. (50/221/46)

Received in Registry

1 Jan 1947
7 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration - 'S.S. ATHINA'

Refer Athens despatch No 358 (E 84/84/31) of Dec 26. Encloses Note Verbale No 34908 from Royal Hellenic Mty of Foreign Affairs of Dec 30, discussing illegal Turkish Immigration re 'S.S. ATHINA'.

Last Paper.

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B. Mathison B.O.

Dodds ~~Admty~~

Smith ~

Robertson M.I.5

Jan 15

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Athens
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. of S. for W.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British.....Embassy,.....
.....Athens.....

1st. January,....., 1947....

Reference to previous correspondence: E 84/84/71

Athens Despatch No. 358 of 26th December, 1946
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Note Verbale No. 34908 from the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of the 30th December 1946.	Illegal Jewish immigration. s.s. ATHINAI

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KINGDOM OF GREECE

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

No. 34908

NOTE VERBALE

Le Ministere Royal des Affaires Etrangeres presente ses compliments a l'Ambassade de Sa Majeste Britannique et a l'honneur d'accuser reception de sa Note No. 405 du 26 Decembre 1946, concernant le vapeur "Athinaï" sur la teneur de laquelle il n'a pas manque d'attirer la serieuse attention des Departements Helleniques competents.

En se reservant de communiquer a l'Ambassade la reponse de ses Departements aussitot recue, le Ministere Royal saisit cette occasion de lui renouveler les assurances de sa tres haute consideration.

Athenes, le 30 decembre 1946.

AMBASSADE DE SA MAJESTE BRITANNIQUE

EN VILLE

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FROM

British Embassy

No.

Paris

Dated

1139

Received in Registry

30 Dec 1946

7 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Encloses copy of Aide Memoire dated Dec 30 no 44/273/46, to Mty of Foreign Affairs informing them that ship "MERICA" of Naples, has left Marseille for LA GIOIA. Also that French authorities take all possible steps to prevent illegal Jewish Immigration.

Last Paper.

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References.

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En P.P. Palestine tel 302 10/2

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Paris
presents his compliments to H.M.F.S. of S. for F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

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British... Embassy,.....
..... Paris.....

30th December..., 1946..

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Aide Mémoire dated 30th December, 1946. (No. 41/273/46)	"Merica" heading for La Ciotat.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

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D. 10th February, 1947.

R. 11th " " 07.00 hrs.

No. 302

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Gov., Cyprus.

/My

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Lord President
Admiralty

War Office

" " (M.O.4)
" " (M.I.3)

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M.I.5

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Ministry of Defence

- P.S. to Prime Minister.
- Private Secretary.
- Private Secretary.
- First Sea Lord.
- Mr. G.C.B. Dodds.
- Private Secretary.
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14 FEB 1947
SENT TO DEP.

My telegram No. 15.

My telegram No. 291.

Illegal immigrant ship MERICA (LANEGOV).

656 illegal immigrants on board the MERICA were embarked on EMPIRE HEYWOOD yesterday without incident. 9 have been left behind in Palestine. EMPIRE HEYWOOD sailed 23.20 hours on 9th February. I understand that she has broken down at sea and will have to be towed the remaining part of the journey.

2. One of the illegal immigrants, injured in boarding operation, has since died.

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 13th February, 1947.

R. 13th " " 13.20 hrs.

No.320 Top Secret.

My telegram No.291.

In view of the fact that indications are that MERRICA illegal immigrants were embarked at Sete in the South of France, I suggest that consideration be given to the desirability of renewed representations to the French authorities. Further information on this subject can be obtained from M.I.5.

Distributed to:-

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| MS.25 | Mr. Trafford Smith |
| Secretary of State | Mr. Mathieson |
| Sir T. Lloyd | Mr. Higham |
| Mr. Martin | Mr. Fitzgerald |
| Sir D. Harris | Mr. Bennett |
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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 17th February, 1947.

R. 17th

18.50 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No. 363 Secret.

Your telegram No. 327,

Crews of illegal immigrant ships.

See my priority savingram No. 156
of 8th February.

Neither of the two ships which have
arrived recently, namely MERICA (LANAGEV)
and SAN MIGUEL was carrying a Master or crew
when intercepted.

Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office

M.I.6

M.I.5

Admiralty

- Mr. Beith

- Major Milne

- Major Chadwick

- Mr. G.C.V. Dodds

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

M'Clutton
Belgrade

Dated

Received in Registry

21.
4 Jan 1947
7 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships

Refer to tel 2038 (E12246/7686/31)
discusses landing to Yugoslav Minister
for Foreign Affairs letter for Marshall Tito
re the sailing of the ATHENA, mentions
probable sailing of further ship from
a Yugoslav port.

Last Paper.

224 (12246/7686)

(Minutes.)

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CYPHER/OTP

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM BELGRADE TO FOREIGN OFFICE JAN

Mr. Clutton
No. 21.

D: 6.25 p.m. 6th January 1947

R: 6.56 p.m. 6th January 1947

4th January 1947

Repeated to: Athens
Panama.

ppppp

Your telegram No. 2,038.

I handed Yugoslav Minister for Foreign Affairs a personal letter to Marshal Tito pointing out the discrepancy between the telegraphed information regarding the Athenai and the assurances given to His Majesty's Ambassador and asking him to institute the full enquiry he had promised to make. (see Mr. Peake's telegram No. 162). I told General Velebit that I had chosen this means of communication because of the frank and confidential nature of the Marshal's conversation with Mr. Peake and because I thought that the Marshal ought to know personally the information about the Athenai in our possession especially as I had reason to believe (see my telegram No. 18) that yet a further ship was about to embark illegal Jewish immigrants from a Yugoslav port.

2. Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs said he would at once forward my letter to the Marshal. He said that he would be very surprised if in fact another ship was to sail, for although at the request of UNRRA the Yugoslav authorities had accommodated Jewish displaced persons in the camps, the Marshal had given instructions that transit traffic was to cease. He further said that I could expect a satisfactory reply to my letter, a copy of which follows by bag.

Foreign Office please pass to Athens and Panama as my telegrams No. 2 and 1 respectively.

[Repeated to Athens and Panama under Foreign Office numbers 40 and 3 respectively and copy sent to M.E. Secretariat].

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FROM

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Dated

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Received in Registry

7. Jan 1947
10. Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration (Hijis).

4.0. Gib tel to CUC Med, 070958 A
Informs SS. ABRIN sailed Ponta Delgada
5 Jan for Marseilles, vessel is under
Honduras flag but crew are all new
vessel reported ex-minesweeper with 11 knots.

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(Minutes.)

If any thing is to be done about with-
drawals her Honduras registers at Marseilles
we should act at once. see Washington tel
N. 7378
diff telegram attached

References.

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del. Legation
no 4.

Jan 10.

S. Robertson M-1.5

Dodd. Admty

Smith

Wacherson G.O.

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070958A/January.

From: F.O. Gib.

Date: 7.1.47.

10 JAN

Recd: 1121.

NAVAL CYPHER X.

To: C. in C. Med. N.O.I.C. Port Said.

Info: Compal, Admiralty.

S.S. ABRIL sailed Ponta Delgada 5th January for Marseilles.
Vessel is under Honduras flag but crew are all news.

2. Vessel is reported as ex minesweeper with speed 11 knots.

070958A.

O.D. (8)
D.C. (2)
M. (6)
D.N.I. (5)

CF/82.

Foreign Office (Mr. Keith)

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Confidential.
Restricted.
Open.

CMM

Draft. telegram to Tegucigalpa

No. 4

date Jan 10.

Cypher

Repeat

Washington 342

Jarvisburg E46

Paris 46

Marseilles 6

Copies to C.O.

Adm. dt. 15.

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IMMEDIATE

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Washington telegrams N/463 ^{Dec: 31/4/Jan: 4/} withdrawal of Honduras registers from [illegible immigrant ship]

Please approach Honduran Govt ^{request that} ~~you should take this matter up~~ with Honduran Govt and ask for

Honduran registers of ship (should if possible) ABRIE to be withdrawn if

possible when she calls at a ^(as reported to here) French port. ~~For you~~ She left

Paula Belgada for Marseilles in January 5.

2 Please repeat your ^{reply} ~~report~~ reaction of Honduran Govt to Paris & Marseilles

Copy sent to MS Secretariat

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO TELGUCIGALPA

No.4

D. 9.10 p.m. 10th January, 1947.

10th January, 1947.

Repeated to Washington No.342
Jerusalem
Paris No.76
Marseilles No.6

IMMEDIATE

Washington telegrams Nos. 7378 and 163 [of
December 31st and January 9th: withdrawal of Honduras
registry from Jewish illegal immigrant ship].

Please approach Hondurean Government urgently and
request that Honduras registry of ship Abril should if
possible be withdrawn when she calls at a French port.
She is reported to have left Ponta Delgada for Marseilles
on January 5th.

2. Please repeat your reply to Paris and
Marseilles.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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PALESTINE

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10 JAN

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Registry Number

E320/84/31

FROM

No.

Z.O.

Dated

Minute

Received in Registry

W Gault,

9 Jan 1947
10 Jan 1947

'ATHENAI' wrecked at SYRINA

Informs Admiralty that of rescue operations carried out in connection with wreck was RA430. 18. 1. and Admiralty would like if possible to recover this from somebody.

Last Paper.

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References.

In P.A. Cu C Med 061240A 6/1

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I doubt whether Admty. will ever recover this money from the Co. Perhaps they might put in a bill to the Jewish Agency?

(How disposed of.)

Mr Beegley 2/12/47

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Greek refugee ship ATHENAI wrecked
on Gyona island in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Dodds (Army) says that the cost
of the Army's share in the rescue operations
carried out in connexion with this
wreck ~~cost~~ was £4430.18.1d and
that the Army would like if possible
to recover this from sundries.

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Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

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061240A/January

From: C.in C. Med.

Date 6.1.47.
Time 1800

Naval cypher 'X'

Addressed Admiralty

I have had the cost of the rescue and transfer of shipwrecked jews ex ATHINA computed and the total sum works out at £4,430-18-1d. Details will be forwarded by letter.

2. I hope this information may be useful in case it is possible eventually to recover this sum or at any rate clear it from Navy estimates.

061240A

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L. (3)
- Secretary
- Parl. Secretary
- Civil Lord
- U.S.S.
- D.N.I. (5)
- M. (6) for action
- D.C. (2)
- O.D. (8)
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Registry Number

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FROM

P.O.

No.

60000

Dated

Received in Registry

13 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Palatine tel 60 of Jan 9.
Reuters report states that vessel named "ISHI" with 600 Jewish illegal immigrants aboard is being held by French authorities at MONACO, asks to be kept informed of developments.

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Both the French & the Monaco authorities were now said to have denied that they held this ship up.

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In P.P. Postel tel 60 of 9/1.

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 9th January, 1947.

R. 9th " " 19.30 hrs.

. No. 60 Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to Paris No. 30 Secret. (Secretary
of State please pass).

Reuter's report states that a vessel called
ISLI with 600 Jewish illegal immigrants aboard is being
held by French authorities at Monaco.

2. I should be grateful if I may be kept informed
of developments.

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for onward transmission to Paris).

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- Private Secretary.
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- Private Secretary.
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PALESTINE

Registry Number E476/84/31.
TELEGRAM FROM Sir N. Bland.
No. Hague.
Dated 26.
Received in Registry 13 Jan 1947
14 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.
Refer. Hague tel N° 3 (E 206/84/31)
Inform, Dutch shipping papers announce
"SAN MIGUEL" reached ORAN Jan 10
bound for Alexandria.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

13 Jan 15

References.

(Print.)

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FROM THE HAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Bland.
No. 26.

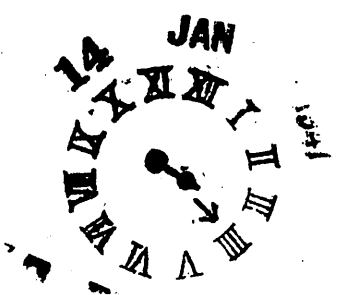
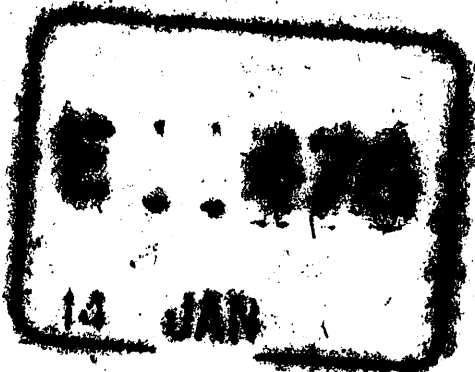
13th January 1947.

D. 7.35. p.m.
13th January 1947.
R. 8.17. p.m.
13th January 1947.

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My telegram No. 3.

← 206/84/21

Dutch shipping papers announce San Miguel reached Oran on January 10th bound for Alexandria.



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PALESTINE

Registry Number E 529/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM
M. Arkley Clarke

No. Paris.
Dated 23. Jan 1947

Received in Registry
14 Jan 1947
16 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.
Refers NICK of No 1. (E 557/48/9)
Express suspicious tramp is anchored at Monaco
so obtaining photograph and description and has
made private arrangement with Harbour Master
to impede her departure if necessary. Director
of Police has allowed story to leak into press
so that it may be a case where authorities are implicated
by what may be a newspaper publication

Last Paper.

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References.

(Minutes.)

We now have nice tel. no. 1
Please attach
13 Jan 16

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8/ J. Robertson n.r. 15
W.A.B. Mackinnon. c.o
P.B.B. Doodch. Admby
L. Smith.
Jan 16.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

E 529

Mr. Ashley Clarke

No. 23 Saving

14th January, 1947.

R. 2.55 p.m. 15th January, 1947.

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Nice telegram to Paris No. 3 of 10th January, 1947, repeated to Marseilles.

My telegram No. 1. *Comms.*

Enquiry does not confirm presence of Jewish party in this district. On the other hand a suspicious tramp has anchored in a cloudy corner of Menace Harbour.

2. I am obtaining photograph and description and have made a private arrangement with Harbour master to impede her departure if necessary.

3. Director of Police has allowed story to leak into press so that if any Menegasc authorities are implicated they may deter publicity.

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E 540
16 JAN

Registry Number

FROM

No.

Dated

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E 540/84/31

Embassy - Belgrade

31 Dec 1946
16 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, Yugoslavia

Refers F.O. Col 2038/E 12246/7656/31

Encloses copy of letter to Marshal Tito 580/62/46. Discussing previous correspondence in which Marshal Tito promised to make full enquiry into immigration and to bring it to an end, despite this assurance the ATHINAI, Sailed, now asks for promised enquiry to be held.

Last Paper.

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M.S. }

15 Jan 47

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8/ Mr. Nathan. C.O.
Dodd's Admty
Smith.
Robertson, M.I.S.

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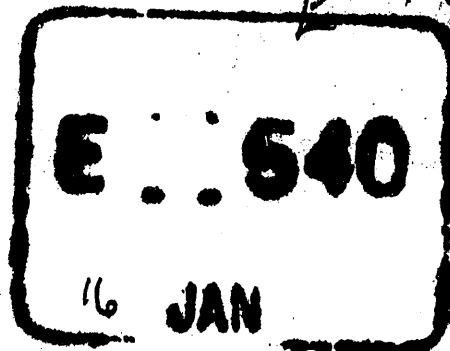
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31st Dec., 1946.

Reference Foreign Office
telegram No. 2038.



WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF HIS
MAJESTY'S EMBASSY, BELGRADE.

Southern Department,
Foreign Office.

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580/62/46

31st December, 1946.

My dear Marshal,

In August of this year His Majesty's Embassy addressed two notes to the Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the serious situation arising in Palestine from the mounting tide of illegal Jewish immigration, and requested the help of the Yugoslav Government in stopping the transit traffic of such illegal immigrants across Yugoslavia. No written reply was received to these notes, but on the 16th November the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs told His Majesty's Ambassador that he could at once give his formal assurance that the Yugoslav Government regarded such traffic as against their own interests, and that they were anxious to bring it to an end.

When Mr. Pease saw Your Excellency on the 13th December he drew your attention to the fact that, despite this assurance, it appeared that a ship carrying illegal Jewish immigrants, the S.S. "Athina", which had subsequently been wrecked in the Aegean, had sailed from a Yugoslav port. Your Excellency assured Mr. Pease that he could repeat as from yourself the previous assurance given him by General Velebit. You pointed out that, for certain reasons, Jews who penetrated illegally into Yugoslavia had to be kept in camps, and that a few escaped from time to time. Mr. Pease pointed out that there was a steady, systematic and copious traffic in illegal immigrants from Yugoslavia and, when he promised to furnish you with evidence, you were good enough to undertake to make the fullest enquiries into the matter.

The interrogation of the crew of the wrecked vessel has now revealed without any doubt that the vessel was recently sold to a Panamanian steamship company expressly for the transportation of illegal immigrants from Yugoslavia to Palestine. The Jews in question embarked

His Excellency,
Marshal Josip Broz Tito,

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under certificates issued by the Yugoslav Port Authorities at Bakar, when they had arrived at that port by rail from Zagreb. The vessel was fuelled with the open assistance of the local Yugoslav authorities, and sailed from Bakar for Palestine under a so-called Zionist flag, the latter fact being in itself generally considered an illegal act.

In this connection I have received instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to draw your attention to the discrepancy between this information and the assurances given to His Majesty's Ambassador, and I hope that it will now be possible for the promised enquiry to be initiated.

Believe me
My dear Marshal,
Yours sincerely,

Gen. G. I. Clinton

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21 JAN

PALESTINE

Registry Number E 732/84/31.
TELEGRAM FROM Sir. N. Bland.
No. Noque.
Dated 43
Received in Registry 20 Jan 1947
21 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.
Refers Noque tel 26. (E 476/84/31)
Informs shipping papers announce that 'SAN MIGUEL' arrived Marseilles Jan 17.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

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References.

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H. Matheson, B.O.
Woods Adams
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Robertson M15
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FROM THE HAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Bland.
No. 43.

D: 7.13 p.m. 20th January, 1947.

20th January, 1947. R: 8.20 p.m. 20th January, 1947.

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My telegram No. 26. *476/4/31*

Shipping papers announce that San Miguel arrived
at Marseilles January 17th.



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PALESTINE

Registry Number

E811/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Lord Laversham
Washington

438

23 Jan 1947

24 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration (Yugoslavia)
Refer FO Tel 11818 (E12246/7656/31) following
in reply from Dir' Gen' UNRRA; Have received
tel from mission Belgrade, who have requested
Yugoslav Govt to provide all available facts re
two wagon loads of food, for Jewish refugees
embarking at Bakar. Give list of facts
required.

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6/ Abacherion C.O.
Robertson M.I.5
Wodeh. Adanty
Smith ~

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copy to
M.I.5 } usual names
Adm. }

and resubmit, please
15 Jan 24

M.I.5 have now given me the
information contained in the
attached draft tel.

J.S. Bevis
Jan 29

Tel. sent

15 Jan 30

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel. D. 4.42 p.m. 23rd January 1947.
No. 438.
23rd January 1947. R. 10.05 p.m. 23rd January 1947.

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IMPORTANT.

Your telegram No.11818.

24 JAN
E 12246/7656/2

The Director General, U.N.R.R.A. has replied to my letter in the following terms:

"I have received a telegram from Belgrade informing me that our Mission there has requested the Yugoslav Government to provide all available facts regarding the provision of two wagon-loads of U.N.R.R.A. foodstuffs from Jewish passengers embarking at the Yugoslav port of Bakar. You will recall that you raised this matter with me in your letter of 23rd December.

The U.N.R.R.A. Mission in Belgrade have asked whether further information can be given them in order to facilitate fuller investigation:

- (A) What was the approximate date of the event;
- (B) Were the foodstuffs provided from the Yugoslav Government's resources;
- (C) What number of refugees was involved.

Should you be able to give me the details on these points I will at once advise our Mission."

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January, 1947.

Despatched 2 45 p.m.
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J.B.

Draft.

WASHINGTON.

Telegram.

Your telegram No. ⁴³⁸~~348~~ [of January 23rd: Use
of U.N.R.R.A. ^{supplies} for Jewish illegal immigration].

Please reply to Director General's three
questions as follows:-

- a) November 26th, 1946 ~~(immigration)~~
- b) no information available;
- c) 790.

[Copy sent to Mr E See]

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V 29/

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

No. 906
Date Jan 30
Cypher
Departmental No. 1.

Copy to
Colonial Office
(Mr. Mathieson)
M.I.5.
(Mr. Robertson)
Admiralty.
(Mr. Dodds)
~~Mr. Smith~~

D.S. Davis
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 908

30th January, 1947. D. 2.45 p.m. 30th January, 1947.

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Your telegram No. 438 [of January 23rd: Use of U.N.R.R.A. supplies for Jewish illegal immigration].

Please reply to Director General's three questions as follows:-

- (a) November 26th, 1946.
- (b) no information available;
- (c) 790.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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PALESTINE

28 JAN

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FROM

Embassy.

No.

Paris.

Dated

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Received in Registry

22 Jan 1947

28 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Transmits copy of note to Mty of Foreign Affairs no 66 of 22 Jan. Stating that two further ships are reported to have arrived in Marseilles i.e. 'ABRIK' and 'SAN MIGUEL', registered in Panama. Embassy earnestly trusts that all possible steps will be taken to prevent a repetition of the 'SAN DEMETRIO' incident.

Last Paper.

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Mts) usual names

28 Jan 28

References.

Embassy Paris 28 Jan 47

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W.A.B. Matheson
C.O.

J. Robertson M.I.S.

✓ Jan 30

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HIS Majesty's **Ambassador** at **Paris.**
presents his compliments to H.M. **P.S. of S. for P.A.**
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British.....**Embassy,**.....
.....**Paris.**.....

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28 JAN
22nd. January, 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Note to Ministry for Foreign Affairs No. 66 dated 22.1.47.	Jewish Illegal immigrants.

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British Embassy,

Paris.

22nd January, 1947.

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No. 66.

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and have the honour to state that two further ships suspected of being engaged in the traffic in illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine, are reported to have arrived in Marseilles. These are the "Abril" of Honduras registry, and the "San Miguel", registered in Panama. The latter ship is reported to have arrived at Marseilles on 19th January from Oran.

2. His Majesty's Embassy earnestly trust that all possible steps will be taken by the French authorities to prevent a repetition of the "San Dimitrie" incident in connexion with these two ships.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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Washington

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21 Jan 1947

28 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigration, S.S. 'ATHENAI'

Transmit copy of letter from Mr. Watkins to UNRRA 23 Dec and of reply 10 Jan 1947 re statement by crew of 'ATHENAI' that 2 wagon loads of UNRRA food arrived by rail from ZABREB with the Jews who were embarked at Yugoslav port of BAKAR.

Last Paper.

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S. Matheson. G.O.

Robertson. M.I.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Washington presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under mentioned documents.

*British Embassy
Washington, D. C.*

E 903

21st January, 1947

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of letter from Mr. Makins to UNRRA 23 Dec 46, and of reply 10 Jan 47.	UNRRA supplies to illegal Jewish immigrants.

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

1344 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 25, D.C.

10th January 1947

My dear Mr. Minister:

I have received your letter dated 23 December on the subject of UNRRA supplies alleged to have been made available to Jewish migrants to Palestine from the Yugoslav port of Bakar.

We have no knowledge of this specific incident and have cabled to our Mission in Yugoslavia to furnish us with details immediately. I shall keep you informed as soon as I have their reply.

It would be unlikely that exception could be taken to the utilization by the recipient government of UNRRA supplies for the maintenance of post-hostility refugees passing through their territory. In the case you cite, however, it would appear that the use of UNRRA supplies has exceeded a reasonable interpretation of this position since the period involved extended beyond that required for transit within Yugoslavia.

As regards the illegal character of the voyage, you will appreciate that at the time this would be a matter for the Yugoslav authorities to take up: it would be unlikely that any UNRRA official was consulted.

On receipt of the further information for which I have cabled, however, I will give immediate consideration to these questions.

Sincerely yours,

LOWELL W. ROOKS
Director General

Mr. Roger Makins, C.M.G.,
Minister Plenipotentiary
British Embassy
Washington, D.C.

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British Embassy,
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The Greek crew of the Jewish illegal immigrant vessel "Athinaai" who have been interrogated in the Dodecanese after the vessel ran aground on the island of Syrina, state that two wagon-loads of UNRRA food-stuffs arrived by rail from Zabreb with the Jewish passengers who were embarked at the Yugoslav port of Bakar.

I am instructed to draw your attention to this report and to request that an investigation to be made into the use of UNRRA foodstuffs for the provisioning of vessels chartered to convey Jewish illegal immigrants to Palestine.

R. MAKINS

Director-General,
United Nations Relief &
Rehabilitation Administration,
Washington, D.C.

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Monitoring.

29 Jan 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Motala radio informs Special Train with 600 Jews who were to travel by ship from Trelleborg to Haifa arrived per schedule in Trelleborg & passengers immediately began to board ship. It is not decided however whether 'UKIA' will leave since criticism has been made about ship conditions re quarters.

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16: =600 JEWS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAIL FOR CUBA =

(MOTALA RADIO 11.30): THE SPECIAL TRAIN WITH RATHER MORE THAN 600 JEWS WHO TODAY WERE TO TRAVEL BY SHIP FROM TRELLEBORG TO CUBA ARRIVED PER SCHEDULE IN TRELLEBORG THIS MORNING. THE TRAIN WAS SHUNTED TO A TRACK NEAR THE QUAY AND THE PASSENGERS IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO BOARD THE SHIP. BY MIDDAY, HOWEVER, IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER THE SHIP, ULUA OF HONDURAS WILL LEAVE, SINCE CRITICISM HAS BEEN MADE ABOUT THE SHIP'S CONDITION AND THE SIZE OF THE QUARTERS. ENDC(BBC MONITORING) +++13.1324/1KF

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No. Home office.
Dated M. I. B. 1036.
Received G. M. Reich.
in Registry } 30 Jan 1947
1 Feb 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.
Encloses copy of report by Immigration
officer at London, on the steam yacht
"MARIA".

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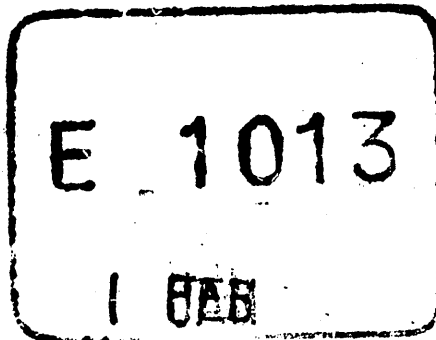
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Reply should be addressed to H.M.
Chief Inspector, Immigration Branch,
P.O. Box 100,

~~Immigration District Office,~~
LONDON, W.2.

and the following reference quoted:—


M. I. B. 1036.



Dear Beith,

We spoke today on the telephone and I promised to send you a copy of a report by the Immigration Officer at London on the steam yacht "MARIA". I enclose a copy of the report.

Yours sincerely,


C. P. J. Ruck.

J. Beith, Esq.,
Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
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London(K.C.V.)

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S.I. 586.

H.M. Chief Inspector.

This report on the above named steam yacht is forwarded to you as a matter of interest. The ownership, charter, and future sailings of this yacht, may not be irregular, but they are very interesting.

The s.y. MARIA is a good sized ship, capable of eleven knots per hour. There is good cabin space, and bunks have been erected forward to accommodate extra people. There is no cargo space.

This yacht was once the property of Lord Moyne. During the war she was owned by the Admiralty, and used as a Radar, Wireless, and Headquarters ship.

Recently this ship was bought from the Admiralty. She was placed under the Panamanian flag, to avoid certain parts of the Merchant Shipping Act, and to keep the crew to a minimum. The main owners are a Mr. Peter White, London garage proprietor, Mr. Witold Kuncewicz, and a Mrs Eileen Barrett, actress, of the Globe Theatre London.

The yacht is under charter to Point Neptune Shipping and Trading Company Limited, which is a newly formed company with offices at Spencer House, South Place, London.E.C.2. The Directors are Mr. W.R. Tomkinson B.A. F.C.A. Mr.K.W.Clark, Mr. Kuncewicz(part owner).
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16th January 1947.

The following are members of the crew :-

Captain - VUCETIC. Peter Paul. O.B.E. Ex Commander
Royal Yugoslav Navy. Yugoslav,
1st.Officer.KUNCEWICZ. Witold. Polish. Part owner
and Director of the charter company.
2nd.Officer.KOPEC. Jan. Polish. Ex Polish
Merchant Navy. Based in U.K. during the war.
Engineer. POWALOWSKI. Leon. Polish. Ex Polish Merchant
Navy. Has British born wife. He is resident
in Glasgow. Returned to sea service because
he cannot obtain shore employment.
Wireless)MARCIMIAK. Victor. Polish. Friend of
Operator)KUNCEWICZ
A.B. LJUBICIC. Rudolf. Yugoslav. Ex Merchant Navy.
Friend of the Captain.

There are two British subjects on board as firemen.

The s.y. MARIA sailed from Charlton Buoys on 15.1.47
for Antwerp. There she will be refitted, and install wireless
equipment. Another member of the crew, name unknown, but
believed to be a Yugoslav, will join the ship there and act
as cook. From Antwerp, after refit, she will proceed to
Lisbon. After Lisbon she will proceed to the Mediterranean
in search of passenger traffic. There is no definite contract
or charter, but the ship will call at Malta with the hopes of
getting passengers there, to any destination in the
Mediterranean.

There has been many reports in the Press lately about
Panamanian ships trading in refugee traffic, sometimes against
British interests. This ship has no cargo space, but is
capable of carrying a large number of passengers, if without
baggage, and they are cramped into the accommodation available
hence the need for the minimum crew.

That is the story told by KOPEC, the second Officer, and
POWALSKI the engineer, supplemented by enquiries from other
sources. There is no indication that the trade will be
irregular, but the high reward offered by the transportation
of refugees may be a temptation in the future.

J. M. Shingler
16th January 1947.

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Athens.

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Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Encloses copy of note Verbale to Royal Hellenic Navy of Foreign Affairs of Jan 27. Stating that Nicholas MAVRIS owner of SS KHALANAR is now attempting to obtain release of vessel. asks ministry to prevent or at best delay return of ship, as it is suspected of being concerned with illegal immigrant traffic.

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and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British.....Embassy.....
.....Athens.....

27th January,...., 1947.....

Reference to previous correspondence: NT

Note Verbale No.405 of 26th December 1946 from
the R.H. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Note Verbale No.30 to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the 27th January, 1947	<i>Illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine</i> Release of S.Y. "KALAMARA"

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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NOTE VERBALE

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to refer to paragraph 4 of their Note No. 405 of 26th December, in which they requested the Royal Hellenic Government to take all possible steps to prevent the sale of Greek vessels to interests which are known to be, or suspected of being, concerned with the illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine.

His Majesty's Embassy understand that Nicholas Mavris, owner of the S.Y. "KALAMARA", Registered No. 926, which was requisitioned by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine in December 1945, is now attempting to obtain the release of the vessel. His Majesty's Embassy have reason to believe that Nicholas Mavris intends to use the "KALAMARA", should the vessel be released, for the illegal immigration of Jews, the purpose for which he was on the point of using her when she was originally requisitioned.

His Majesty's Embassy earnestly desire the Royal Ministry to use their good offices with the competent authorities to the end that the return of the ship to Mavris may be prevented or, at least, delayed for as long as possible.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of their highest consideration.

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TELEGRAM FROM

No. Duff Cooper
Paris

Dated 105.

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Illegal Immigrant Ship.
Re: Palestine Al 171 (E 875/84/31) Ship
UKIA arrived Le Havre Jan 28 and held
by French authorities on ground that life
boat accommodation was inadequate. Released
and sailed Jan 30 bound for Genoa
with approx 600 passengers aboard.

Last Paper.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Duff Cooper. D. 1.55 p.m. 31st January 1947.
No. 105.
31st January 1947. R. 5.20 p.m. 31st January 1947.

Repeated to: Madrid,
Lisbon,
Marseilles,
Bordeaux and
Nice.

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IMPORTANT.

Palestine telegram No.171 to Foreign Office.

Illegal immigrants' ship "Ulua" arrived Le Havre on January 28th. We requested French authorities to hold her and prevent embarkation of further passengers.

2. Police officials found some 600 passengers on board. They appeared to be in possession of national passports of various European countries without visas though Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been informed by French Legation in Stockholm that they have false visas for Cuba. The sailing was delayed by Port Authorities for some hours on the ground that life boat accommodation was inadequate. The Ministry of the Interior were however unwilling to hold the ship indefinitely since this would have involved disembarkation of passengers in France. She was therefore allowed to sail last night January 30th bound for Genoa.

3. French maintain that no further passengers embarked at Le Havre and this is confirmed by His Majesty's Consul Rouen. Ministry of Foreign Affairs have undertaken to do their best to prevent embarkation of passengers should she call at another French port.

4. It seems likely that she will have to refuel at least once en route for Genoa either in France Spain or Portugal. Marseilles Bordeaux and Nice please report if she does so.

5. Naval Authorities are being informed.

Foreign Office please pass Important to Madrid and Lisbon as my telegrams Nos.8 and 3 respectively.

[Repeated Madrid and Lisbon under Foreign Office Nos.66 and 82 respectively.]

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M/V IDEROS (Captain JEAN TUECH)
Encloses copies of Note Verbale from Royal Hellenic Navy for Foreign Affairs 10085 of Jan 17. and Embassy reply N°33 of Jan 28 concerning Captain Jean Tuech of the M.V. IDEROS.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Athens
presents his compliments to H.M. Principal Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British....Embassy,.....

.....Athens,.....

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Note Verbale from the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs. No.16085. 17 January 1947.	Jean Tuech, captain of the motor vessel Iberos.
Note Verbale to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs. No.33. 28th January, 1947.	Ditto

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KINGDOM OF GREECE

Ministry for Foreign
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No. 16085

NOTE VERBALE

Le Ministère Royal des Affaires Etrangères présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté Britannique et, se référant aux communications déjà échangées entre l'Ambassade et ce Département ayant trait à la question de l'émigration illégale de Juifs en Palestine, a l'honneur de lui faire savoir que, suivant les informations parvenues aux autorités helléniques compétentes, le ressortissant Français Jean TUECH, capitaine du vapeur à moteur (Derose ?) naufragé près de Crète et engagé à ce moment au transport illégal de Juifs d'Italie en Palestine, se trouverait actuellement à Rome, où il s'occuperait à l'organisation des transports de Juifs en Palestine.

En portant ce qui précède à la connaissance de l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté Britannique à toutes fins utiles, le Ministère Royal saisit cette occasion de lui renouveler les assurances de sa très haute considération. -

Athènes, le 17 janvier 1947.

A L'AMBASSADE DE SA MAJESTE BRITANNIQUE

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46/24/47.

NOTE VERBALE

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to the Ministry's Note No. 16085 of the 17th January, have the honour to thank the Ministry for the information contained therein relative to Jean Tuech, captain of the motor vessel Ideros.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of their highest consideration.

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DEPARTMENTAL No.1.

FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

His Majesty's Consul-General
No. 29 D: 5.30 p.m. 4th February, 1947
4th February, 1947 R: 10.00 p.m. 4th February, 1947
Repeated to Paris, No. 32.

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My telegram No. 27. *E/G 734/49/2*  
Jewish immigration.

Press reports San Miguel has embarked 700 Jews at  
Sete for Cuba.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat.]

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 17th February, 1947.

R. 17th " " 15.00 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No. 352 Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.  
Repeated to Cyprus No. 17 Secret.

Another illegal immigrant ship, the SAN MIGUEL reported to have been renamed CHAPAPIL HAALMONI (the unknown refugee) was intercepted off Jaffa at 1 p.m. on 16th February. Boarding was effected in territorial waters after considerable resistance which was quickly overcome by use of tear smoke. She was escorted to Haifa where she arrived 2 a.m. on 17th February. Transshipment to EMPIRE RIVAL was completed without incident by 5.10 a.m. and she sailed for Cyprus at 6.30 a.m.

There were 813 passengers on board the SAN MIGUEL, 6 of whom were landed on medical grounds. The remainder comprised, men 461, women 213, children 133. There was no master or crew on board. A 1 hour Jewish protest strike was declared for 10 a.m. today.

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Paris

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Illegal Immigrant Phys.

Refer ~~copy~~ Paris despatch No 42 (893/84/31) of Jan 27. Encloses copy of Ministry for Foreign Affairs Note of 31. Jan 1947 re French Illegal Immigration traffic.

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British.....Embassy,.....  
.....Paris.....

4th. February, 1947...

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REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE.

DIRECTION D'AFRIQUE-LEVANT

PARIS, le 31 janvier, 1947.

Sous-Direction du Levant.

Le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade de Grande Bretagne à Paris et a l'honneur d'accuser réception de Sa Note No. 66 en date du 22 Janvier relative à l'arrivée à Marseille de deux navires suspectés de se livrer au trafic d'émigration clandestine juive à destination de la Palestine.

Le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères a transmis aux services intéressés les informations contenues dans la Note précitée en les priant de prendre les mesures de surveillance nécessaires.

Le Ministère des Affaires Étrangères ne manquera pas de communiquer à l'Ambassade toute réponse qui lui parviendra à ce sujet et saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à l'Ambassade de Grande Bretagne les assurances de sa haute considération.

Ambassade de Grande-Bretagne

à Paris.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 9th February, 1947.  
R. 9th " " "

15.00 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 291 Secret.

E 1291

Addressed to S. of S.  
Repeated to Gov. Cyprus, No. 14.

Illegal immigrant ship, believed to be the MERICA, was intercepted and boarded by the Royal Navy about 22 miles off Palestine coast at 2.45 a.m. today (8th February). Operation was resisted by the passengers who used broken bottles and iron bars as missiles, causing injuries to the boarding party. Officer in charge was forced to order selected men to fire over the heads of the passengers, one of whom was wounded, presumably by a ricochet. Immigrants number approximately 650. Ship is expected to reach Haifa at about 6 p.m. this evening when the usual procedure of transshipment and deportation to Cyprus will be effected.

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PALESTINE

14 FEB

Registry Number

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FROM

British Embassy

No.

Athens

Dated

53

Received in Registry

46/38/47

10 Feb 1947

14 Feb 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Refers Athens despatch 37 (E10114/84/31) of Jan 27. Encloses note verbal to R.H.M.F.A. No 46 of Feb 8. Infers that the S.Y. 'KAKIYAMA' was in fact released to Nicholas Morris by the Atty of Mercantile Marine on Nov 9.

Last Paper.

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W.G.B. Mackison  
C.O.

J. Robertson  
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HIS Majesty's AMBASSADOR at ATHENS  
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S.O.F.S FOR F.A.  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned  
documents.

British..... EMBASSY.....  
..... ATHENS.....  
..... GREECE.....

E FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup> 1947...  
Reference to previous correspondence: 1014/84/31.  
P/L. 37 to F.O. OF 27 JAN 47.  
Description of Enclosure.

| Name and Date.                                                                          | Subject.                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ATHENS<br>NOTE VERBAL TO<br>R.H.M.F.A NO. 46<br>DATED 8 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY<br>1947. | JEWS :- ATTEMPTS AT<br>ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION<br>INTO PALESTINE.<br><br>E 1397<br>14 FEB |

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

C.P. Marseilles

Dated

37

Received in Registry

15 Feb 1947  
17 Feb 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ship.  
YLOERAN left Marseilles between 4 am yesterday and 11 am today, destination nominally RHODES, Malta informed.

Last Paper.

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15 Feb. 17

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I. Robertson, M.L.S.  
J.B.S. Dodds, Admiralty  
E. Smith  
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DEPARTMENTAL No.1.

FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

His Majesty's Consul-General  
No. 87

D: 8.00 p.m. 15th February, 1947

15th February, 1947

R: 7.05 p.m. 15th February, 1947

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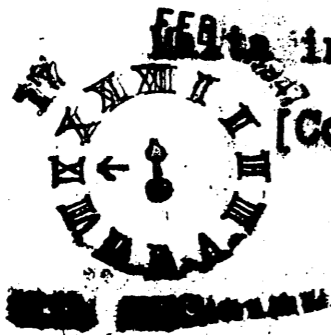
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Jewish immigration.

Ylderan left Marseilles between 4 p.m. yesterday  
and 11 a.m. today. Destination nominally Rhodes.

~~Info~~ informed.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat.]



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 FROM Embassy  
 No. Athens.  
 Dated 66  
 Received in Registry 11 Feb 1947  
 19 Feb 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.  
 Refers Athens despatch 307 of 27/Jan  
 (E 1014/84/31) Enclosure note verbatim from  
 M. F. A. dated 29 Jan, Regarding  
 Jewish Illegal Immigration.  
 S. V. KAHAMARA.

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presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. OF S.F.A.  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned  
documents.

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British..... EMBASSY.....

..... ATHENS .....

..... GREECE .....

19 FEB

FEBRUARY 11, 1947

Reference to previous correspondence:

ATHENS P/L 30 DATED 27<sup>th</sup> JAN 47

Description of Enclosure.

| Name and Date.                                 | Subject.                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| NOTE VERBALE<br>FROM M.F.A.<br>DATED 29 JAN 47 | JEWS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION<br>S.Y. KANAMARA<br><br>1014/84 |

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Ministere des Affaires Etrangeres.

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NOTE VERBALE

Le Ministere Royal des Affaires Etrangeres presente ses compliments a l'Ambassade de Sa Majeste Britannique et a l'honneur d'accuser reception de sa Note sub No.30/46-23-47 en date du 27 de ce mois concernant le S.Y "KALAMARA" sur le contenu de laquelle il n'a pas manque d'attirer la serieuse attention des auterites helleniques competentes.

En se reservant de communiquer a l'Ambassade les resultats de sa demarche des que faire se pourra, le Ministere Royal saisit cette occasion de lui renouveler les assurances de sa tres haute consideration.

Athenes, le 29 janvier 1947.

Ambassade de Sa Majeste Britannique,

En Ville  
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Dated

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Received in Registry

14 Feb 1947  
19 Feb 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships

Refer Achens despatch 53 of Feb. 8. (1397/84/31) Encloses note from M/FA dated Feb 13, regarding Jewish Illegal Immigration. S.Y. KAHANARA.

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~~W.A.B. Washburn  
B.O.~~

~~S.L. Robertson~~

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and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British..... EMBASSY.....  
..... ATHENS  
..... GREECE.....

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19 FEB  
FEBRUARY 1947

Reference to previous correspondence:

ATHENS DESPATCH 53 OF 8<sup>th</sup> FEB 47.  
Description of Enclosure. 1397/84/31

| Name and Date.                                                  | Subject.                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| NOTE VERBALE.<br>FROM . M.P.A.<br>DATED 13 <sup>th</sup> FEB 47 | JEWS :- IMMIGRATION OF.<br>S.Y. KALAMARAS. |

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KINGDOM OF GREECE

Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

No. 18133

NOTE VERBALE

Le Ministère Royal des Affaires Etrangères présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade de Sa Majesté Britannique et a l'honneur d'accuser réception de Sa Note sub No. 46 en date du 6 de ce mois relative à la vente projetée du S.Y. "KALAMARAS" et du caique à moteur "VASSILAKIS" sur la teneur de laquelle il n'a pas manqué d'attirer la sérieuse attention des autorités helléniques compétentes.

En se réservant de communiquer à l'Ambassade les résultats de sa démarche, le Ministère Royal saisit cette occasion de lui réitérer les assurances de sa très haute considération.

Athènes, le 13 février 1947.

A L'AMBASSADE DE SA MAJESTE BRITANNIQUE

EN VILLE.

[ Ref. our Note Verbale No. 46 of 8 February to M.F.A. ]

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Registry Number

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TELEGRAM FROM

C. G. Lewis

No.

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Dated

Received in Registry

20 Feb 1947

21 Feb 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

Wire Consul at Port of Report SS 'ULUA' of 800 tons called there Feb 15 for fresh water and supplies - registered to Bolivia, block with one funnel and one mast, 660 passengers including 400 women, sailed Feb 15 for Genoa final destination, Palestine, Master Captain Bernstein. Sailed from Pillbox, Le Havre, France and Phillipville.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

References.

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There are two points on this telegram. First of all it shows that the "Ulua" is still in the central Mediterranean and has not arrived in Palestine waters, as we had understood from the Colonial Office. I am accordingly holding up the telegram to Stockholm which was approved on E1275/48/G. It would seem that we have about a week or more before the "Ulua" reaches Palestine and I therefore suggest that we should try out the proposal recommended on E 1378/G. This will involve sending an urgent telegram to Tegucigalpa, which is attached. I understand that there is no Honduran representative in the United Kingdom capable of dealing with such a question. NB. In view of the time factor I am sending this tel. today - immediate.

Secondly, Sir R. Howe has minuted this telegram as follows: "Why cannot the Palestine Government run these U.S. Captains and crews in and give them a good stiff term of prison". It is unfortunately true that the Government of Palestine have been, as far as we can see, lamentably weak in dealing with such cases. I need only refer to Mr. Higham's letter of February 18th in E1533. I suggested to Sir R. Howe, who agreed, that he might write to Mr. Martin of the Colonial Office on the lines of the attached draft.

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8/ W.A.B. Abatherson C.O.  
G.G.B. Doolch / Admty  
E. Smith  
J. Robertson M15  
Feb 24  
Dpt. 211 Abatherson  
from Sir R. Howe  
made

J.G.S. BEITH

J.G.S. BEITH.

22nd February, 1947.

(Action completed.)

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM TUNIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul-General  
No. 11.  
February 20th, 1947.

D. 10.55 a.m. February 20th,  
1947.  
R. 1.10 p.m. February 20th,  
1947.

JJJ

E 1587

IMMEDIATE

Please communicate following urgently to His Majesty's Consul-Genoa, Beeswing Malta and Bluecoat Port Said.

[Begins]

Addressed to Beeswing Malta repeated to Bluecoat Port Said, Consulate-General Algiers, and Consulate-General Genoa.

[Begins]

Vice Consul at Sousse reports S.S. Ulua of 800 tons called at Sousse February 15th for water and fresh supplies. [Grps. undec.] registered La Coiba, black with one funnel and one mast, 660 passengers including 400 women. Sailed February 15th for Genoa final destination Palestine. Master Captain Bernstein stated he sailed from Pillborg Sweden via Le Havre, Algiers and Philipville. Master is an American.

[Repeated to Genoa and Port Said for Bluecoat.]

[Copies sent to War Registry, Admiralty, for transmission to Malta for Beeswing.]

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JM

Mr. Martin,  
Colonial Office

from

Sir Robert Howe.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

Copy Mr. Garven  
(who has asked  
for this)

R.H.  
1.3.46

3148 Wt. 26469/197 100m 9/46 (51) F.S.S.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

6th March 1947.

Dear Martin,

I enclose a copy of a telegram from  
Tunis, which refers to the movements of  
the Jewish illegal immigrant ship "Ulua" and  
states inter alia that her Master is an  
American.

I hope that if and when this vessel reaches  
Palestine, ~~and~~ (on the assumption that the  
Master and crew are still on board her when she  
does), the Govt. of Palestine will run both  
Master and crew in and bring them rapidly to  
trial. I have been sorry to see from Higham's  
letter to Beith of 18th Feb. that in three  
recent cases the Master and crew of illegal  
immigrant ships are simply being deported from  
Palestine, in one case without a prosecution  
even being started. As you know we are doing  
our best to prevent illegal immigration by  
representation to the Governments of the  
countries from which the ships are starting,  
but that is only one part of the problem. If  
some of the Masters and crews of illegal  
immigrant ships were to receive stiff prison  
sentences for breaking the immigration laws of  
Palestine, that might be expected to have  
a healthy ~~discouraging~~ <sup>deterrent</sup> effect on other seamen  
who might otherwise be recruited for ~~the~~ <sup>subsequent vessels</sup> traffic,  
and this could be expected to complicate the  
task of the organisers of the traffic.

R.H.  
1.3.

Yours ever,  
(Sgd) R. G. Howe.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

6th March, 1947.

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Yours ever,  
(Sgd) (R.G. Howe)

J.M. Martin, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.

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